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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 12, 2000 in the above-referenced application, regarding which it is requested with the payment of a fee to extend the period for response by three months to December 12, 2000, applicant submits the following REMARKS:

R E M A R K S

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Matsui, the Examiner referring applicant to paragraph 3 of "the office action dated 10/25/99". The Examiner is requested to note that there was no office action dated October 25, 1999 issued in the case. The earlier office action was dated October 27, 1999. It is herein presumed that the Examiner's intention was to refer to this office action dated October 27, 1999.